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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETRD CO

SUBJECT: TRADE CONSULTATIONS WITH COLOMBIA

REF: BOGOTA 6126

1. TRADE CONSULTATIONS REQUESTED BY MINDEVELOPMENT SEEM TO US TO CALL FOR SMALL DELEGATION INCLUDING REPRESENTATIVES OF STR, EB, AND ARA/ECP, AND POSSIBLY OTHER AGENCIES.

2. BROAD AGENDA ITEMS PROPOSED IN REFTEL ARE ACCEPTABLE, AS IS "TWO-TIER" LEVEL OF TALKS DISCUSSED WITH AMBASSADOR DURING RECENT CONSULTATION.

3. IN EXPLORING FEASIBILITY OF WEEK OF JULY 27 OR WEEK OF AUGUST 3 FOR THESE CONSULTATIONS, WE HAVE RUN INTO SERIOUS OBSTACLES IN TERMS OF TIMING AND AVAILABILITY OF THOSE WHO WOULD MOST LOGICALLY AND DESIRABLY MAKE UP THE USDEL. WE EMERGE WITH THREE DISTINCT OPTIONS:

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A. SCHEDULE CONSULTATIONS IN BOGOTA AFTER RPT AFTER
PRESIDENT'S STATE VISIT AND WITH ANNOUNCEMENT OF CONSULTA-
TION MADE AT TIME OF STATE VISIT WITH THIS PRESENTED AS
ONE RESULT THEREOF. FIRST WEEK OF OCTOBER WOULD ALLOW

OPTIMUM COMPOSITION OF USDEL. SAME
GROUP AS VERY POSSIBLY WILL BE ENGAGED IN TALKS IN BRAZIL
AT THAT TIME, INCLUDING AMBASSADOR YEUTTER OF STR,
PRESUMABLY COULD COME TO BOGOTA.

B. MEET MINISTER'S PROPOSED JULY/AUGUST SCHEDULE
BY HOLDING CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON.

C. HOLD TECHNICAL-LEVEL TALKS ON TRADE ACT, AS
ORIGINALLY PROPOSED BY GOC, IN LATE JULY/EARLY AUGUST
IN BOGOTA OR IN WASHINGTON, TO BE FOLLOWED BY SENIOR
LEVEL CONSULTATIONS AS OUTLINED IN OPTION A ABOVE.

4. OUR RECOMMENDATION AT THIS POINT INCLINES TOWARD
SCHEDULING CONSULTATION FIRST WEEK OF OCTOBER, WITH
ANNOUNCEMENT AT TIME OF STATE VISIT. WHILE WE
UNDERSTAND THAT GOC INITIAL VIEW WAS THAT PROBLEMS
ARISING IN CONSULTATIONS HELD JULY/AUGUST COULD BE
GIVEN FURTHER ATTENTION DURING PRESIDENT'S VISIT, WE
SEE LITTLE LIKELIHOOD OF SUCH PROBLEMS ARISING. WOULD
APPRECIATE YOUR EARLY COMMENT. KISSINGER

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